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Romanian Parliament declines the initiative on biotech labeling

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Report Highlights:

This is a follow-up report concerning the proposal advanced by several members of Parliament to impose special labeling on biotech foods. Rejected by Senate in February this year, the proposal was forwarded to the Chamber of Deputies, which was the decisional chamber. In June 2008, the proposal was rejected by an overwhelming majority of deputies.

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Last September, several members of the Romanian Parliament proposed a draft law for labeling products containing genetically modified ingredients. According to the proposal, the label would contain the warning *"Attention this product contains genetically modified organisms"* written in black color inside a yellow spot. This warning should cover 30% of the total surface of the product. The Romanian Senate declined the proposal following the negative resolution issued by the Romanian Government and the three competent Committees of the Romanian Senate.

In March, the draft law was submitted to the Chamber of Deputies and it was reviewed by Committee on Industry and Services, Committee on Health and Family and Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development. All three Committees, except Committee on Health and Family, rejected the proposal on grounds related to the risk of overlapping with the existing labeling legislation at EU and national level.

In June, the draft was debated in the plenary of the Chamber of Deputies and was definitely rejected with a majority of 92% of members (188 members).

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